

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed October 5, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, and 18 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 6, 7, 10-12, 15-17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ben-Shachar, et al. Independent Claims 6, 11, and 16 recite in general the ability to determine mapping parameters associated with each incoming audio stream between the endpoint network timestamps and the mixer network timestamps. By contrast, the portion of the Ben-Shachar, et al. patent cited by the Examiner merely discloses converting the received timestamp of each packet from each attendee to a master timestamp by subtracting the timestamp of the initial packet from the timestamp of each subsequent packet.. However, the Ben-Shachar, et al. patent provides no disclosure with respect to a mixer network timestamp let alone determining mapping parameters between mixer network timestamps and converted endpoint network timestamps as provided by the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 19, lines 6-14, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 6, 7, 10-12, 15-17, and 20 are not anticipated by the Ben-Shachar, et al. patent.

Claims 9, 14, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ben-Shachar, et al. in view of Xu. Independent Claim 6, from which Claim 9 depends; Independent Claim 11, from which Claim 14 depends; and Independent Claim 16, from which Claim 19 depends, have been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Ben-Shachar, et al. patent. Moreover, the Xu patent does not include any additional disclosure combinable with the Ben-Shachar patent

that would be material to patentability of these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 9, 14, and 19 are patentably distinct from the proposed Ben-Shachar, et al. - Xu combination.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 8, 13, and 18 if amended into appropriate independent form. Claims 8, 13, and 18 have been amended into independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 8, 13, and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-5.

With the presentation of three new independent claims, an additional filing fee is due. Attached herewith is a check made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" in an amount of \$600.00 to satisfy the excess independent claims fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

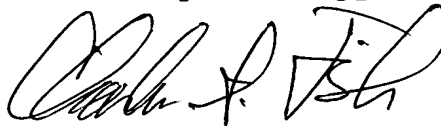
If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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